IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

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AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF JULY, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of July, 1907; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts,"; and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of June, 1907, . .	214,041	
Applications received in month of July, 1907, . . .	107	214,148
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of June, 1907, .	11,754	
Do. in month of July, 1907,	3	11,757
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of June, 1907	30,842	
Applications received in month of July, 1907, . . .	3	30,845
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to end of June, 1907, .	1,575	
Do. received in July, 1907, .	1	1,576
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of June, 1907, . . .	1,534	
Do. in month of July, 1907, .	—	1,534
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of June, 1907, . . .	688	
Do. in month of July, 1907, .	—	688
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of June, 1907, . .	51	
Do. in month of July, 1907, .	—	51
Total, .	—	260,599

Rents fixed—		
By Chief Commission to end of June, 1907, . . .	8,613	
„ in month of July, 1907, . . .	2	8,615
By Sub-Commission to end of June, 1907, . .	181,983	
„ in month of July, 1907, . . .	348	182,331
Dismissed—		
To end of June, 1907, . .	10,367	
In month of July, 1907, . .	20	10,387
Struck out—		
To end of June, 1907, . .	40,116	
In month of July, 1907, . .	23	40,139
Withdrawn†—		
To end of June, 1907, . .	16,012	
In month of July, 1907, . .	14	16,026
Total Number disposed of, .	—	257,498
Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,101
Total .	—	260,599

*These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (vii.), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a Rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of June, 1907, . . .	90,378		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of July, 1907, ...	150	90,528	By Chief Commission to end of June 1907, .	3,052	
			" in month of July, 1907, . . .	4	3,056
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of June, 1907, . .	6,688		By Sub-Commission to end of June, 1907, .	71,876	
Do. in month of July, 1907,	7	6,695	" in month of July, 1907, . . .	563	72,439
			Dismissed—		
			To end of June, 1907, . .	1,202	
			In month of July, 1907, . .	5	1,207
			Struck out—		
			To end of June, 1907, . .	14,375	
			In month of July, 1907, . .	52	14,427
			Withdrawn*—		
			To end of June, 1907, . .	2,624	
			In month of July, 1907, . .	5	2,629
			Total Number disposed of, .	—	98,758
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,465
Total,	—	97,223	Total, .	—	97,223

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of June, 1907, . . .	147,944
Do., do. in month of July, 1907, . . .	272
Total, ...	148,216

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of June, 1907, ...	47,919
Do., do. in month of July, 1907, . . .	138
Total, ...	48,057

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of June, 1907,	3,252
Applications received to end of June, 1907, ...	2,415		" in month of July, 1907,	1
Applications received in month of July, 1907, ...	5	2,420		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of June, 1907,	49			
Do. in month of July, 1907, . . .	1	50		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of June, 1907, .	1,078			
Applications in month of July, 1907, . .	—	1,073	Total Number disposed of, . .	3,253
			Number to be disposed of, . .	290
Total, .	—	3,543	Total .	3,543

†The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy fair rent, avoidance of leases or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1ts January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888*	55	Leases or Grants declared void . . .	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out . .	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised .	3
Total, .	55	Total disposed of, . .	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of June, 1907, .	23		Applications granted to end of June, 1907, . .	10	
„ in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	23	„ in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	10
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of June 1907, . .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of June, 1907, ...	12	
„ in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	3	„ in month of July. 1907, . . .	—	12
			Applications withdrawn to end of June, 1907. . .	4	
			„ in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	4
			Total number disposed of, .	—	26
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	—
Total, .	—	26	Total, . .	—	26

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1903.

Applications received to end of June, 1907, ...	5,731	Rents fixed to end of June, 1907,	5225,	
„ in July, 1907, . . .	—	„ in July, 1907, . .	—	5,225
		Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of June, 1907,	410	
		„ in July, 1907, . .	—	410
		Total number disposed of, .	—	5,635
		Number to be disposed of, .	—	96
Total, .	5,731	Total, . .	—	5,731

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of June, 1907, . . .	56,255	Number heard to end of June, 1907, . .	30,060	
„ in month of July, 1907, .	97	„ in month of July, 1907, . .	120	30,180
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of June, 1907, .	24,268	
		„ in month of July, 1907, . .	81	24,299
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	54,479
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	1,873
Total, . .	56,352	Total, . .	—	58,352

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of June, 1907,	87,589	Number heard to end of June, 1907, . . .	20,631	
„ in month of July, 1907, .	156	„ in month of July, 1907, . .	270	20,901
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of June, 1907, . .	12,708	
		„ in month of July, 1907, . .	73	12,781
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	33,682
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	4,063
Total, .	87,745	Total, . . .	—	87,745

VII.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to end of June, 1907, . .	1,756	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of June, 1907, .	178	
„ in July, 1907, .	3	Number received in July, 1907, . .	—	178
		Number of cases in which *no* consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents* to end of June, 1907, . .	1,575	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of July, 1907, . .	1	1,576
				1,754
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired,	—	5
Total,	1,759	Total, . . .	—	1,759

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table(a), page 3.

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VIII.—Proceedings under the Land Purchase Acts.

(a) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities Payable by Tenant Purchasers.

—	Number	Amount
		£
Loans applied for,	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused	3,812	1,459,530
	25,367	9,992,536
Loans sanctioned,	25,367	9,992,536
Loans issued,	25,367	9,992,536

(b) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

—	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
		£		£
(a) Loans Applied for.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903,	48,862	12,536,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of July, 1907, in respect of applications lodged to end of June, 1907,	—	—	43,862	12,536,799
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans applied for,	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans applied for,	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans applied for,	2,835	749,767	2,835	749,767
			51,362	14,491,009
Applications Refused:—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants Refused to end of July, 1907,	3,352	1,013,962		
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885,	1,077	302,244	4,429	1,316,206
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of July, 1907, less applications refused,			46,933	13,174,803

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(b) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896—*continued.*

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

——	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.		£		£
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of June, 1907, . .	40,458	11,510,585		
" in the month of July, 1907, .	18	951		
	40,476	11,511,536		
Orders rescinded in month of July, 1907, of those made to end of June, 1907, . . .	11	862	40,465	11,510,674
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans sanctioned.	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans sanctioned, ...	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans sanctioned, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of July, 1907, . .			46,888	18,162,640
(c) Loans Issued.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans issued to end of June, 1907, . .	40,357	11,483,548		
" in the month of July, 1907, .	—	—	40,357	11,483,548
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans issued, ...	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans issued, ...	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans issued, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of July, 1907, . . .			46,780	18,135,514
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board Act, 1899.	58	502,797		
Total, .	—	—	58	502,797

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(c) Irish Land Act, 1903.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Loans Applied for.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans applied for to end of June, 1907, .	3,582	479,164		
,, ,, in the month of July, 1907, .	108	11,110		
	3,690	490,274		
Less number withdrawn in month of July, 1907, of applications lodged to end of June, 1907, .	2	355	3,688	489,919
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans applied for to end of June, 1907, . .	2,496	594,188		
,, ,, in the month of July, 1907, .	13	3,925		
	2,509	598,113		
Less number withdrawn in month of July, 1907, of applications lodged to end of June, 1907, .	7	1,042	2,502	597,071
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for to end of June, 1907, .	502	153,130		
,, ,, in the month of July, 1907, .	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for to end of June, 1907, .	3	3,506		
,, ,, in month of July, 1907, .	—	—	3	3,506
			6,695	1,243,626
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of July, 1907, ...			85	31,227
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of July, 1907, less applications refused			6,830	1,212,399
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of June, 1907, . .	3,208	428,644		
,, ,, in the month of July, 1907, .	132	20,151		
	3,340	446,795		
Orders rescinded in month of July, 1907, of those made to end of June, 1907, . .	3	133	3,337	446,682
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of June, 1907, . .	2,188	508,846		
,, ,, in the month of July. 1907, .	35	9,846		
	2,223	518,692		
Orders rescinded in month of July, 1907, of those made to end of June, 1907, . .	2	376	2,221	518,316
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of June, 1907, . .	502	153,130		
,, ,, in the month of July, 1907, .	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of June, 1907, . .	3	3,506		
,, ,, in month of July, 1907, .	—	—	3	3,508
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of July, 1907, . .			8,063	1,121,614

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(c) Irish Land Act, 1903—*continued.*

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Loans Issued.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of June, 1907, . .	2,888	857,096		
„ „ in the month of July, 1907, . .	107	22,699		
			2,995	879,795*
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of June, 1907, . .	1,533	421,934		
„ „ in the month of July, 1907, . .	414	52,756		
			1,947	474,690
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of June, 1907, . .	502	153,130		
„ „ in the month of July, 1907, . .	—	—		
			502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of June, 1907, . . .	2	3,000		
„ „ in month of July, 1907, . .	—	—		
			2	3,000
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of July, 1907 . .			5,446	1,010,615
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the Congeeted Districts Board for the Purchase of Estates under Section 77 of the Irish Land Act, 1903:—				
Amount to end of June, 1907, . . .	13	80,679		
During the month of July, 1907, . . .	2	10,580		
Amount to end of July, 1907, . .	15	91,259		
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Sec. 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—				
Amount to end of June, 1907, . .	6	4,633		
Total,	—	—	21	95,892

* These figures include 140 Loans for £32,195 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund, but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (3), page 12

(2) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.

Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION	During period ended 30th June, 1907.			During month of July, 1907.			During period ended 31st July, 1907.		
	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
			£			£			£
I. Direct Sales.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,560	81,182	13,935,854	62	1,128	531,602	1,622	82,310	14,467,456
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned, ...	1,686	32,220	14,422,195	48	965	422,394	1,734	33.185	14,844,589
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for,*	4,854	121,993	44,825,741	121	3,887	1,222,202	4,975	125,880	46,047,943
II. Sections 6 and 8.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	82	4,946	1,765,859	7	82	44.091	89	5,028	1,809,950

*The totals for the period ended 31st July, 1907, include 681 applications and advances, amounting to £275,445 which have been refused by the Commissioners.

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(2) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners—*continued.*

Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 30th June, 1907			During month of July, 1907.			During period ended 31st July, 1907.		
	No of Estates.	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.	No of Estates.	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances	No of Estates.	No of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.
			£			£			£
II. Sections 6 and 8.—*con.*									
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners, ...	127	5,922	2,060,986	6	12	12,510	133	5,934	2,073,496
3. Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, and for which "Requests" have been lodged (estimate) *	283	13,661	3,937,805	11	297	70,442	294	13,958	4,008,247
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	73	2,444	813,422	1	34	11,227	74	2,478	824,649
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge,	73	2,444	813,422	3	508	96,927	76	2,952	910,349
3. Estates for which the necessary documents have been lodged (estimate) *	133	5,356	1,533,207	3	182	38,757	136	5,538	1,571,964
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission, ..	58	5,366	979.082	4	424	31,762	62	5,790	1,010,844
2. Estates for which Agreements to Purchase have been prepared, ...	80	6,249	1,091,670	—	—	—	80	8,249	1,091,670
3. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission, (estimate)	91	7,073	1,191,684	1	10	1,660	92	7,083	1,193,344
V. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,773	43,933	17,494,217	74	1,868	618,682	1,847	45,606	18,112,899
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned (including Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made and accepted under Secs. 6 & 8, and Sec. 7; and Estates for which Agreements have been prepared under Sections 72 and 79),	1,966	46,835	18,388,273	57	1,485	531,831	2,023	48,320	18,920,104
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, (estimate) *	5,361	148,083	51,488,437	136	4,376	1,333,061	5,497	152,459	52,821,498

* Estimate to 30th June, 1907, revised.

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(3) Re-sales under Irish Land Act, 1903.

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 28 (1) and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. (*Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392*).

CLASSIFICATION	During period ended 30th June, 1907		During Month of July, 1907		During period ended 31st July, 1907	
	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.
		£		£		£
Re-sales by Land Commission:— Sections 6 and 8, ...	3,347	1,252,373	2	3,673	3,349	1,256,046
,, Section 7, ...	1,502	537,265	1	5,150	1,503	542,415
Congested Districts Board Re-sales, ...	96	38,086	47	6,873	143	44,959
Total, ...	4,945	1,827,724	50	15,696	4,995	1,843,420

NOTES.—(1) The Amount of Cash Payments made by purchasers on resale and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rule 25 (2) was £2,789

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1) page 10

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent from the Reserve Fund in Improvements, the amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Section 43.

(4.) Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16.) Advances made to Rural District Councils.

Amount to the end of June, 1907, ...	£79,915
During the month of July, 1907.	7,300
Amount to end of July, 1907, ...	£87,215

(5). Summary showing Total Advances made out of the Irish Land Purchase Fund to 31st July, 1907.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.	£
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant	347,600*
Do. Land Judges Court, ...	474,690*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896 . . .	153,130*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891, ...	3,000
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 77, Irish Land Act, 1903, &c. . .	95,892
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS.	
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants, ...	14,467,456
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8), Irish Land Act, 1903 . . .	1,809,950
Do. do. (Sec. 7) . do. . . .	824,649
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 79 do.	1,010,844
Total	19,187,211
Advances for repayment to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund, Sec. 43 (3) Irish Land Act, 1903	2,082
Total	19,189,293
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)	87,215
Gross Total . . .	£19,276,508

* These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been returned in these cases.

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CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF JULY, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st July, 1907.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of June, 1907, . .	35,468		Rents fixed to end of June, 1907,	19,935	
Applications received in month of July, 1907. . .	6	35,474	,, in month of July, 1907,	15	19,950
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of June, 1907, .	4,522		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of June, 1907. . .	4,477	
Applications received in month of July, 1907, . . .	2	4,524	,, in month of July, 1907,	—	4,477
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of June, 1907,	2,704		Applications withdrawn* to end of June, 1907, .	569	
Applications received in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	2,704	,, in month of July, 1907,	1	570
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of June, 1907,	174		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of June, 1907,	13,288	
Applications received in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	174	,, in month of July, 1907,	3	13,291
			Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of June, 1907, . .	51	
			,, in month of July, 1907,	—	51
			Total disposed of, . . .	—	38,339
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	4,537
Total, .	—	42,876	Total, . . .	—	42,876

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of June, 1907, . .	13,420	Rents fixed to end of June, 1907,	5,138	
Applications received in month of July, 1907, ...	12	,, in month of July, 1907,	22	5,160
		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of June, 1907, . . .	505	
		,, in month of July, 1907 . . .	1	506
		Applications withdrawn* to end of June, 1907, .	142	
		,, in month of July, 1907, .	1	143
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of June, 1907, . . .	6,688	
		,, in month of July, 1907, . . .	7	6,695
		Total disposed of, . .	—	12,504
		Number to be disposed of, .	—	928
Total . .	13,432	Total, . . .	—	13,432

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of June, 1907, . .	7,372
Do., do. in month of July, 1907, . .	1
Total, ...	7,373

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of June, 1907, ...	155
Do., do. in month of July, 1907, . . .	—
Total, ...	155

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.:			Number disposed of to end of June, 1907, . . .	402	
Applications received to end of June, 1907.	723		„ in month of July, 1907,	—	402
Applications received in month of July, 1907, ...	—	723	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of June, 1907, . . .	49	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to end of June, 1907, . .	3		Transferred in month of July. 1907, . . .	1	50
Applications received in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	3	Total number disposed of .	—	452
			Number to be disposed of .	—	274
Total, .	—	726	Total, .	—	726

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void .	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out .	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court . .	—
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of, . .	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

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IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to Surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887"—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of June, 1907, . . .	24	Applications granted to end of June, 1907, . .	7	
,, in month of July, 1907, .	—	,, in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	7
		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of June, 1907, . . .	4	
		,, in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of June, 1907, . .	1	
		,, in month of July, 1907 . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of June, 1907, . .	3	
		,, in month of July, 1907, . . .	—	3
		Total number disposed of, .	—	15
		Number to be disposed of, . .	—	9
Total, .	24	Total . .	—	24

Irish Land Commission,

24*th August*, 1907.

JOHN H. FRANKS.

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

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DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF AUGUST, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of August, 1907; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts;" and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of July, 1907, . . .	214,148	
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	95	
		214,243
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of July, 1907, .	11,757	
Do. in month of Aug., 1907, .	—	
		11,757
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of July, 1907, ...	30,845	
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	5	
		30,850
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to end of July, 1907, .	1,576	
Do. received in Aug., 1907, .	1	
		1,577
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of July, 1907, ...	1,534	
Do. in month of Aug., 1907, .	—	
		1,534
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of July, 1907, .	688	
Do. in month of Aug., 1907, .	2	
		690
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of July, 1907, ...	51	
Do. in month of Aug., 1907, .	—	
		51
Total, .	—	260,702

Rents fixed—		
By Chief Commission to end of July, 1907, . .	8,615	
" in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	
		8,615
By Sub-Commission to end of July, 1907, . .	182,331	
" in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	31	
		182,362
Dismissed—		
To end of July, 1907, . .	10,387	
In month of Aug., 1907, .	—	
		10,387
Struck out—		
To end of July, 1907, .	40,139	
In month of Aug., 1907, .	1	
		40,140
Withdrawn†—		
To end of July, 1907, .	16,026	
In month of Aug., 1907, .	—	
		16,026
Total Number disposed of, .	—	257,530
Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,172
Total, .	—	260,702

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (vii.), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of July, 1907, . .	90,528		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907. . . .	138	90,666	By Chief Commission to end of July, 1907, . .	3,056	
			" in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	3,056
			By Sub-Commission to end of July, 1907, . .	72,439	
			" in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	50	72,489
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of July, 1907, . .	6,695		Dismissed—		
Do. in month of Aug., 1907, .	—	6,695	To end of July, 1907, . .	1,207	
			In month of Aug., 1907, . .	1	1,208
			Struck out—		
			To end of July, 1907, . .	14,427	
			In month of Aug., 1907, . .	1	14,428
			Withdrawn *—		
			To end of July, 1907, . .	2,629	
			In month of Aug., 1907, . .	—	2,629
			Total Number disposed of, .	—	93,810
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,551
Total, .	—	97,361	Total, .	—	97,361

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of July, 1907, . . .	148,213
Do. do. in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	56
Total, ...	148,269

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of July, 1907, ...	48,057
Do. do. in month of Aug, 1907, ...	94
Total, ...	48,151

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices. †

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of July, 1907,	8,253
Applications received to end of July, 1907, . . .	2,420		" in month of Aug., 1907,	1
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	2	2,422		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of July, 1907,	50			
Do. in month of Aug., 1907, . .	—	50		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of July, 1907, . .	1,073			
Applications in month of Aug., 1907, . .	—	1,073	Total Number disposed of .	3,254
			Number to be disposed of .	291
Total, .	—	3,545	Total .	3,545

†The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void . . .	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out . .	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	3
Total, .	55	Total disposed of, . . .	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of July, 1907,	23		Applications granted to end of July, 1907, . .	10	
" in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	23	" in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	10
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of July, 1907, .	8		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of July, 1907, . . .	12	
" in month of Aug., . 1907, . . .	—	3	" in month of Aug., 1907, . .	—	12
			Applications withdrawn to end of July, 1907, . .	4	
			" in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	4
			Total Number disposed of,	—	26
			Number to be disposed of,	—	—
Total, .	—	26	Total .	—	26

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1903.

Applications received to end of July, 1907, . . .	5,781		Rents fixed to end of July, 1907,	5,225	
" in Aug., 1907, . .	70		" in Aug., 1907, .	82	5,307
			Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of July, 1907,	410	
			" in Aug., 1907, .	—	410
			Total Number disposed of,	—	5,717
			Number to be disposed of,	—	84
Total, .	5,801		Total,	—	5,801

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of July, 1907, . .	56,352	Number heard to end of July, 1907, . . .	30,180	
„ in month of Aug., 1907, . .	77	„ in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	85	30,265
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of July, 1907, .	24,299	
		„ in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	25	24,324
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	54,589
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	1,840
Total . . .	56,429	Total, . . .	—	56,429

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of July, 1907,	37,745	Number heard to end of July, 1907, . .	20,901	
„ in month of Aug., 1907,	172	„ in month of Aug., 1907, . .	341	21,242
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of July, 1907, .	12,781	
		„ in month of Aug., 1907, . .	40	12,821
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	34,063
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	3,854
Total . . .	37,917	Total, .	—	37,917

VII.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to end of July, 1907, ...	1,759	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of July, 1907, ...	178	
„ in Aug., 1907, ...	1	Number received in Aug., 1907, . .	1	179
		Number of cases in which *no* consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents * to end of July, 1907, .	1,576	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	1	1,577
				1,756
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired, ...	—	4
Total . . .	1,760	Total . . .	—	1,760

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (*a*), page 8.

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VIII.—Proceedings Under the Land Purchase Acts.

(a) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

——	Number.	Amount
		£
Loans applied for	29,179	11,452,068
Deduct Applications refused, . . .	3,812	1,459,530
	25,367	9,992,536
Loans sanctioned	25,867	9,992,536
Loans issued	25,867	9,992,536

(b)—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
(a) Loans Applied for.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903	43,862	12,536,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of Aug., 1907, in respect of applications lodged to end of July, 1907, ...	—	—	43,862	12,536,799
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans applied for	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1691:— Loans applied for	97	96,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1665:— Loans applied for	2,835	749,767	2,835	749,767
			51,362	14,491,009
Applications Refused:—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants refused to end of Aug., 1907, ...	3,852	1,013,962		
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885, .	1,077	302,244	4,429	1,316,206
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Aug., 1907, less applications refused, . .			46,933	13,174,803

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(*b*)—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891-1896—*continued.*

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number	Amount
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.		£		£
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS—ACTS, 1891-96:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of July, 1907, . .	40,465	11,510,674		
" in the month of Aug., 1907, .	—	—		
	40,465	11,510,674		
Orders rescinded in month of Aug., 1907, of those made to end of July, 1907, ...	—	—	40,465	11,510,674
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896:— Loans sanctioned.	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891:— Loans sanctioned, ...	97	98,394	97	98,394
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885:— Loans sanctioned, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of August, 1907, ...			46,888	13,162,640
(c) Loans Issued.				
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS—ACTS, 1891-96:— Loans issued to end of July, 1907, . . .	40,357	11,483,548		
" in the month of Aug., 1907, .	—	—	40,357	11,483,548
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896:— Loans issued, ...	4,588	1,106,049	4,588	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891:— Loans issued, ...	97	98,394	97	98,894
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885:— Loans issued, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Aug., 1907, . .			46,780	13,135,514
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1898, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board Act, 1899.	58	502,797		
Total,	—	—	58	502,797

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Applied for.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans applied for to end of July, 1907,	3,688	489,919		
" " in the month of Aug., 1907,	43	5,195		
	3,731	495,114		
Less number withdrawn in month of Aug., 1907, of applications lodged to end of July, 1907,	2	83	3,729	495,031
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans applied for to end of July, 1907,	2,502	597,071		
" " in the month of Aug., 1907,	8	1,444		
	2,510	598,515		
Less number withdrawn in month of Aug., 1907, of applications lodged to end of July, 1907,	—	—	2,510	598,515
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for to end of July, 1907,	502	153,130		
" " in the month of Aug., 1907,	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for to end of July, 1907,	3	3,506		
" " in month of Aug., 1907,	—	—	3	3,506
			6,744	1,250,182
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of Aug., 1907,			65	31,227
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Aug., 1907, less applications refused			6,679	1,218,955
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of July, 1907,	3,337	446,662		
" " in the month of Aug., 1907,	—	—		
	3,337	446,662		
Orders rescinded in month of Aug., 1907, of those made to end of July, 1907,	—	—	3,337	446,662
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of July, 1907,	2,221	518,816		
" " in the month of Aug., 1907,	—	—		
	2,221	518,316		
Orders rescinded in month of Aug., 1907, of those made to end of July, 1907,	—	—	2,221	518,316
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of July, 1907,	502	153,180		
" " in the month of Aug., 1907,	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of July, 1907,	3	3,506		
" " in the month of Aug., 1907,	—	—	3	3,506
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Aug., 1907,			6,063	1,121,614

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903—*continued.*

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1.) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Issued.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of July, 1907, . .	2,995	379,795		
,, ,, in the month of Aug., 1907, .	114	30,665	3,109	410,460*
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of July, 1907, . .	1,947	474,690		
,, ,, in the month of Aug., 1907, .	1	220	1,948	474,910
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of July, 1907, .	502	153,190		
,, ,, in the month of Aug., 1907, .	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of July, 1907, . .	2	8,000		
,, ,, in the month of Aug., 1907, .	—	—	2	8,000
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Aug., 1907, . .			5,561	1,041,500
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the Congested Districts Board for the Purchase of Estates under Section 77 of the Irish Land Act, 1903:—				
Amount to end of July, 1907, . .	15	91,259		
During the month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	—		
Amount to end of Aug., 1907, . .	15	91,259		
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—				
Amount to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	6	4,633		
Total, ...	—	—	21	95,892

* These figures include 220 Loans for £56,857 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (3), page 13.

(2.) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.
Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st July, 1907.			During month of August, 1907.			During period ended 31st August, 1907.		
	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
I. Direct Sales.			£			£			£
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,622	32,810	14,467,456	3	48	24,102	1,625	32,358	14,491,558
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned, ...	1,734	33,135	14,844,589	1	5	8,382	1,735	33,190	14,852,971
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for,*	4,975	125,880	46,047,943	142	2,419	881,489	5,117	128,299	46,929,432
II. Sections 6 and 8.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made	89	5,028	1,809,950	14	330	102,768	103	5,358	1,912,718

* The totals for the period ended 31st August, 1907, include 714 applications and advances, amounting to £307,373, which have been refused by the Commissioners.

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(2). Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.—*continued.*

Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st July, 1907.			During month of Aug., 1907.			During period ended 31st Aug., 1907.		
	No. of Estates	No of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances	No of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
II. Sections 6 and 8.—*con.*									
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners, ...	133	5,934	£ 2,073,496	6	212	£ 83,169	139	6,146	£ 2,156,665
3. Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, and for which "Requests" have been lodged (estimate)*	294	13,883	4,017,984	6	316	59,670	300	14,199	4,077,654
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	74	2,478	824,649	2	541	85,700	76	3,019	910,349
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge,	76	3,019†	910,349	—	—	—	76	3,019	910,349
3. Estates for which the necessary documents have been lodged (estimate)*	136	5,577	1,572,828	—	—	—	136	5,577	1,572,828
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission, ...	62	5,790	1,010,844	4	131	18,936	66	5,921	1,024,780
2. Estates for which Agreements to Purchase have been prepared, ...	80	6,249	1,092,370‡	—	—	—	80	6,249	1,092,370
3. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission, (estimate)	92	7,083	1,193,344	—	—	—	92	7,083	1,193,344
V. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	1,847	45,606	18,112,899	23	1,050	226,506	1,870	46,656	18,339,405
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned (including Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made and accepted under Sections 6 and 8; and Section 7; and Estates for which Agreements have been prepared under Sections 72 and 79),	2,023	48,887	18,920,804	7	217	91,551	2,030	48,604	19,012,355
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, (estimate)*	5,497	152,423	52,832,094	148	2,735	941,159	5,645	155,158	53,773,253

* Estimate to 31st July, 1907, revised. † Figure revised since date of July return ‡ In one Estate where an agreement to purchase had been prepared prior to the 31st July, 1907, the purchase money was since increased by £700.

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(3). Re-sales under Irish Land Act, 1903.

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 28 (1) and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. *(Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392).*

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st July, 1907.		During month of August, 1907.		During period ended 31st August, 1907.	
	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
		£		£		£
Re-sales by Land Commission :— Sections 6 and 8, ...	3,349	1,256,046	153	76,095	3,502	1,332,141
Section 7, ...	1,503	542,415	—	—	1,503	542,415
Congested Districts Board Re-sales ...	143	44,959	80	24,662	223	69,621
Total, ...	4,995	1,843,420	233	100,757	5,228	1,944,177

Notes:—(1) The Amount of Cash Payments made by purchasers on re-sale and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rule 25 (2) was £2,780.

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1), page 10.

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent from the Reserve Fund in Improvements, this Amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Section 43.

(4). Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16.) Advances made to Rural District Councils.

Amount to end of July, 1907, ...	£87,215
During the month of August, 1907, ...	33,930
Amount to the end of August, 1907, ...	£121,145

(5). Summary showing Total Advances made out of the Irish Land Purchase Fund to 31st August, 1907.

	£
IRISH LAND COMMISSION.	
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant	353,603*
Do. Land Judges Court, ...	474,910*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896	153,130*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891	3,000
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 77, Irish Land Act, 1903, &c. . .	95,892
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS.	
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants, ...	14,491,558
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8) Irish Land Act, 1903 . .	1,912,718
Do. do. (Sec. 7) do.	910,349
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 79 do.	1,024,780
Total	19,419,940
Advances for repayment to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund, Sec. 43 (3) Irish Land Act, 1903	2,082
Total	19,422,022
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)	121,145
Gross Total	£19,543,167

* These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been retained in these cases.

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CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF AUGUST, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st August, 1907.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of July, 1907, ...	35,474		Rents fixed to end of July, 1907,	19,950	
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, ...	17	35,491	„ in month of Aug., 1907,	32	19,982
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of July, 1907, .	4,524		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of July, 1907, . . .	4,477	
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, ...	1	4,525	„ in month of Aug., 1907,	—	4,477
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of July, 1907, .	2,704		Applications withdrawn to end of July, 1907, . .	570	
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, ...	—	2,704	„ in month of Aug., 1907,	—	570
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of July, 1907, .	174		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of July, 1907, . .	13,291	
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, ...	—	174	„ in month of Aug., 1907,	—	13,291
			Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of July, 1907, ...	51	
			„ in month of Aug., 1907,	—	51
			Total disposed of, . .	—	38,371
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	4,523
Total, .	—	42,894	Total, . . .	—	42,894

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of July, 1907, ...		13,432	Rents fixed to end of July, 1907,	5,160	
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907, ...		13	„ in month of Aug., 1907,	—	5,160
			Applications dismissed or struck out to end of July, 1907, . . .	506	
			„ in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	506
			Applications withdrawn* to end of July, 1907, .	143	
			„ in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	143
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of July, 1907, . . .	8,695	
			„ in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	6,695
			Total disposed of, . . .	—	12,504
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	941
Total, ...		13,445	Total, . . .	—	13,445

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of July, 1907 . .	7,373
Do. do. in month of Aug., 1907, . .	1
Total, ...	7,374

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of July, 1907, ...	155
Do. do. in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—
Total, ...	155

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of July, 1907, . .	402	
Applications received to end of July, 1907, . . .	723		,, in month of Aug., 1907, . . .	—	402
Applications received in month Aug., 1907, . . .	—	723	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of July, 1907, ...	50	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to end of July, 1907 . .	3		Transferred in month of Aug., 1907, ...	—	50
Applications received in month of Aug., 1907 . . .	—	3	Total number disposed of, . .	—	452
			Number to be disposed of, . .	—	274
Total, .	—	726	Total, . .	—	726

* The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void, . .	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out, .	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised,	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, . . .	—
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

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IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887"—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to end of July, 1907, ...	24	Applications granted to end of July, 1907, . .	7	
„ in month of Aug., 1907, . .	—	„ in month of Aug., 1907, . .	—	7
		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of July, 1907, . .	4	
		„ in month of Aug., 1907, ...	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of July, 1907, .	1	
		„ in month of Aug., 1907, ...	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of July, 1907,	3	
		„ in month of Aug., 1907, ...	—	3
		Total number disposed of, .	—	15
		Number to be disposed of, .	—	9
Total,	24	Total, .	—	24

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,

10*th September*, 1907.

JOHN H. FRANKS.

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 30th day of September, 1907; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts;" and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Aug., 1907, ...	214,248	
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, ...	188	
		214,431
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Aug., 1907, .	11,757	
Do. in month of Sept., 1907, .	7	
		11,784
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Aug., 1907, ...	80,850	
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, ...	9	
		80,859
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to end of Aug., 1907, .	1,577	
Do. received in Sept., 1907, .	1	
		1,578
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Aug., 1907, ...	1,534	
Do. in month of Sept., 1907, .	2	
		1,538
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Aug., 1907, .	690	
Do. in month of Sept., 1907, .	2	
		692
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Aug., 1907, ...	51	
Do. in month of Sept., 1907, .	—	
		51
Total, .	—	260,911

Rents fixed—		
By Chief Commission to end of Aug., 1907, . .	8,615	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	
		8,615
By Sub-Commission to end of Aug., 1907, . .	182,362	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	1	
		182,363
Dismissed—		
To end of Aug., 1907, . .	10 387	
In month of Sept., 1907, .	2	
		10,389
Struck out—		
To end of Aug., 1907, .	40,140	
In month of Sept., 1907, .	88	
		40,173
Withdrawn†—		
To end of Aug., 1907, .	16,026	
In month of Sept., 1907, .	1	
		18,027
Total Number disposed of, .	—	257,567
Number to be disposed of, .	—	8,344
Total, .	—	260,911

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (vii.), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Aug., 1907,	90,666		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, ...	238	90,904	By Chief Commission to end of Aug., 1907, . .	3,056	
			" in month of Sept., 1907, ...	—	3,056
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Aug., 1907, . .	6,695		By Sub-Commission to end of Aug., 1907, . .	72,489	
Do. in month of Sept., 1907, .	11	6,706	" in month of Sept., 1907, ...	4	72,493
			Dismissed—		
			To end of Aug., 1907, . .	1,208	
			In month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	1,208
			Struck out—		
			To end of Aug., 1907, . .	14,428	
			In month of Sept., 1907, . .	11	14,439
			Withdrawn *—		
			To end of Aug., 1907, . .	2,629	
			In month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	2,629
			Total Number disposed of, .	—	98,825
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,785
Total, .	—	97,610	Total, .	—	97,610

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of Aug., 1907, ...	148,269
Do. do. in month of Sept., 1907, ...	61
Total, ...	148,330

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of Aug., 1907, ...	48,151
Do. do. in month of Sept., 1907, ...	60
Total, ...	48,211

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices. †

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Aug., 1907,	3,254
Applications received to end of Aug., 1907, ...	2,422		" in month of Sept., 1907,	1
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, ...	7	2,429		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Aug., 1907,	50			
Do. in month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	50		
Applications by Lesseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Aug., 1907, . .	1,073			
Applications in month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	1,073	Total Number disposed of .	3,255
			Number to be disposed of .	297
Total, .	—	3,552	Total	3,552

†The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void . . .	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out . .	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	3
Total, .	55	Total disposed of, . . .	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Aug., 1907,	23		Applications granted to end of Aug., 1907, . .	10	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	23	„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	10
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Aug., 1907, .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	12	
„ in month of Sept., . 1907, . . .	—	3	„ in month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	12
			Applications withdrawn to end of Aug., 1907, . .	4	
			„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	4
			Total Number disposed of,	—	26
			Number to be disposed of,	—	—
Total, .	—	26	Total .	—	26

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1903.

Applications received to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	5,801		Rents fixed to end of Aug., 1907,	5,307	
„ in Sept., 1907, . .	—		„ in Sept., 1907, .	—	5,307
			Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of Aug., 1907,	410	
			„ in Sept., 1907, .	—	410
			Total Number disposed of,	—	5,717
			Number to be disposed of,	—	84
Total, .	5,801		Total, .	—	5,801

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of Aug., 1907, . .	56,429	Number heard to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	30,265	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . .	106	„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	
				30,265
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Aug., 1907, .	24,324	
		„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	
				24,324
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	54,589
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	1,946
Total . . .	56,535	Total, . . .	—	56,535

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of Aug., 1907, .	37,917	Number heard to end of Aug., 1907, . .	21,242	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . .	158	„ in month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	
				21,242
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Aug., 1907, .	12,821	
		„ in month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	
				12,821
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	34,063
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	4,012
Total . . .	38,075	Total, .	—	38,075

VII.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to end of Aug., 1907, ...	1,760	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of Aug., 1907, ...	179	
„ in Sept., 1907, ...	—	Number received in Sept., 1907, . .	2	
				181
		Number of cases in which *no* consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents * to end of Aug., 1907, .	1,577	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	1	
				1,578
				1,759
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired, ...	—	1
Total . . .	1,760	Total . .	—	1,760

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (*a*), page 3.

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VIII.—Proceedings Under the Land Purchase Acts.

(a) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

——	Number	Amount
		£
Loans applied for	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused, . . .	8,812	1,459,530
	26,367	9,992,536
Loans sanctioned	25,367	9,992,536
Loans issued	25,367	9,992,536

(b)—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
(a) Loans Applied for.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903	43,862	12,536,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of Sept., 1907, in respect of applications lodged to end of Aug., 1907, ...	—	—	43,862	12,536,799
Section 40 of Land Act of 1696:—				
Loans applied for	4,568	1,106,049	4,566	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for	97	96,394	97	96,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1665:—				
Loans applied for	2,635	749,767	2,695	749,767
			51,362	14,491,009
Applications Refused:—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants refused to end of Sept., 1907, ...	3,352	1,013,962		
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1665, .	1,077	302,244	4,429	1,316,206
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Sept., 1907, less applications refused, . .			46,933	13,174,603

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(b)—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896—*continued.*

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.		£		£
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Aug., 1907, . .	40,465	11,510,674		
" in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
	40,465	11,510,674		
Orders rescinded in month of Sept., 1907, of those made to end of Aug., 1907, ...	—	—		
			40,465	11,510,674
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans sanctioned.	4,568	1,108,049		
			4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans sanctioned, ...	97	98,394		
			97	96,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans sanctioned, ...	1,758	447,523		
			1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Sept., 1907, ...			46,888	13,162,640
(c) Loans Issued.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans issued to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	40,357	11,483,548		
" in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
			40,357	11,483,546
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans issued, ...	4,588	1,106,049		
			4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans issued, ...	97	98,394		
			97	96,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans issued, ...	1,758	447,523		
			1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Sept., 1907, . .			46,780	13,135,514
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1898, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board Act, 1899.	58	502,797		
Total, .	—	—	58	502,797

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Applied for.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant :—				
Loans applied for to end of Aug., 1907, . .	3,729	495,031		
" " in the month of Sept., 1907, .	14	2,285		
	3,743	497,316		
Less number withdrawn in month of Sept., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Aug., 1907, .	—	—	3,743	497,316
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge :—				
Loans applied for to end of Aug., 1907, . .	2,510	598,515		
" " in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
	2,510	598,515		
Less number withdrawn in month of Sept., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Aug., 1907, .	—	—	2,510	598,515
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896 :—				
Loans applied for to end of Aug., 1907, . .	502	153,130		
" " in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891 :—				
Loans applied for to end of Aug., 1907, .	3	3,506		
" " in month of Sept., 1907, .	1	400	4	3,906
			6,759	1,252,867
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of Sept., 1907, ...			65	31,227
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Sept., 1907, less applications refused			6,694	1,221,640
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant :—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Aug., 1907, . .	3,337	446,662		
" " in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
	3,337	446,662		
Orders rescinded in month of Sept., 1907, of those made to end of Aug., 1907, ...	—	—	3,337	446,662
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge :—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Aug., 1907, . .	2,221	518,316		
" " in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
	2,221	518,316		
Orders rescinded in month of Sept., 1907, of those made to end of Aug., 1907, ...	—	—	2,221	518,316
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896 :—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Aug., 1907, .	502	153,130		
" " in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891 :—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Aug., 1907, .	3	3,506		
" " in the month of Sept., 1907. .	—	—	3	3,506
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Sept., 1907, .			6,063	1,121,614

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903—*continued.*

Advances in Cash—$3\frac{1}{4}$ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1.) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Loans Issued.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of Aug., 1907, . .	3,109	410,460		
„ „ in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
			3,109	410,460*
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of Aug., 1907, . .	1,948	474,910		
„ „ in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
			1,948	474,910
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of Aug., 1907, . .	502	153,130		
„ „ in the month of Sept., 1907. .	—	—		
			502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of Aug., 1907, . .	2	3,000		
„ „ in the month of Sept., 1907, .	—	—		
			2	3,000
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Sept., 1907, . .			5,561	1,041,500
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the Congested Districts Board for the Purchase of Estates under Section 77 of the Irish Land Act, 1903:—				
Amount to end of Aug., 1907, . .	15	91,259		
During the month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	—		
Amount to end of Sept., 1907, . .	15	91,259		
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—				
Amount to end of Sept., 1907. . . .	6	4,633		
Total, . . .	—	—	21	95,892

* These figures include 220 Loans for £56,857 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (3), page 12.

(2.) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.
Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st August 1907.			During month of September, 1907.			During period ended 30th September, 1907.		
	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
I. Direct Sales.			£			£			£
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,625	32,358	14,491,558	—	—	—	1,625	32,358	14,491,558
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned, ...	1,735	33,190	14,852,971	20	315	178,359	1,755	33,505	15,031,330
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for,*	5,117	128,299	46,929,432	99	2,051	668,574	5,216	130,350	47,598,006
II. Sections 3 and 8.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made	103	5,358	1,912,718	—	—	—	103	5,358	1,912,718

* The totals for the period ended 30th September, 1907, include 712 applications and advances, amounting to £312,644, which have been refused by the Commissioners.

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(2). Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.—*continued.*

Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st August, 1907.			During month of Sept., 1907.			During period ended 30th September, 1907.		
	No. of Estates	No of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
I. Sections 6 and 8.—*con.*									
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners, ...	139	6,146	£ 2,156,665	2	16	£ 11,815	141	6,162	£ 2,168,480
3. Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, and for which "Requests" have been lodged (estimate)*	299	14,191	4,063,092†	17	345	133,586	316	14,536	4,196,678
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	76	3,019	910,349	—	—	—	76	3,019	910,349
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge,	76	3,019	910,349	1	13	8,393	77	3,032	918,742
3. Estates for which the necessary documents have been lodged (estimate)*	136	5,578	1,571,449	3	90	24,303	139	5,668	1,595,752
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission, ...	66	5,921	1,024,780	—	—	—	66	5,921	1,024,780
2. Estates for which Agreements to Purchase have been prepared, ...	80	6,249	1,092,370	—	—	—	80	6,249	1,092,370
3. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission, (estimate)	92	7,083	1,193,344	—	—	—	92	7,083	1,193,344
V. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	1,870	46,656	18,339,405	—	—	—	1,870	46,658	18,339,405
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned (including Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made and accepted under Sections 6 and 8; and Section 7; and Estates for which Agreements have been prepared under Sections 72 and 79),	2,030	48,604	19,012,855	23	344	198,567	2,053	48,948	19,210,922
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, (estimate)*	5,644	155,151	53,757,317	119	2,486	826,463	5,763	157,637	54,583,780

* Estimate to 31st August, 1907, revised. † During the month a preliminary estimate furnished to an owner for the purchase of his Estate was refused by him; particulars of this Estate have been deducted from the totals to 31st August, 1907.

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(3). Re-sales under Irish Land Act, 1903.

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 28 (1) and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. *(Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392).*

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st August, 1907		During month of September, 1907.		During period ended 30th September, 1907.	
	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.
		£		£		£
Re-sales by Land Commission :— Sections 6 and 8, ...	3,502	1,332,141	—	—	3,502	1,332,141
Section 7, ...	1,503	542,415	—	—	1,503	542,415
Congested Districts Board Re-sales ...	223	69,621	—	—	223	69,621
Total, ...	5,228	1,944,177	—	—	5,228	1,944,177

Notes:—(1) The Amount of Cash Payments made by purchasers on re-sale and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rule 25 (2) was £2,780.

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1), page 10.

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent from the Reserve Fund in Improvements, the Amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Section 43.

(4). Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16.) Advances made to Rural District Councils.

Amount to end of August, 1907.	£121,145
During the month of September, 1907, ...	6,450
Amount to the end of September, 1907, ...	£127,595

(5). Summary showing Total Advances made out of the Irish Land Purchase Fund to 30th September, 1907.

	£
IRISH LAND COMMISSION.	
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant	353,603*
Do. Land Judges Court, ...	474,910*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896	153,130*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891	3,000
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 77, Irish Land Act, 1903, &c. . .	95,892
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS.	
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants, ...	14,491,558
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8) Irish Land Act, 1903 . . .	1,912,718
Do. do. (Sec. 7) do. . . .	910,349
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 79 do.	1,024,780
Total	19,419,940
Advances for repayment to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund, Sec. 43 (3) Irish Land Act, 1903	2,082
Total	19,422,022
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)	127,595
Gross Total	£19,549,617

* These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been retained in these cases.

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CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th September, 1907.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	35,491	
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	19	35,510
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of Aug., 1907, .	4,525	
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, ...	1	4,526
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of Aug., 1907, .	2,704	
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	1	2,705
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Aug., 1907, .	174	
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	174
Total,	—	42,915

Rents fixed to end of Aug., 1907,	19,982	
„ in month of Sept., 1907,	1	19,983
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	4,477	
„ in month of Sept., 1907,	—	4,477
Applications withdrawn* to end of Aug., 1907, . .	570	
„ in month of Sept., 1907,	—	570
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Aug., 1907, . .	13,291	
„ in month of Sept., 1907,	9	13,300
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of Aug., 1907, ...	51	
„ in month of Sept., 1907,	—	51
Total disposed of, . .	—	38,381
Number to be disposed of, .	—	4,534
Total, . . .	—	42,915

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Aug., 1907, ...	13,445	
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907, ...	42	
Total, ...	13,487	

Rents fixed to end of Aug., 1907,	5,160	
„ in month of Sept., 1907,	38	5,198
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	506	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	506
Applications withdrawn* to end of Aug., 1907, .	143	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	143
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	6,695	
„ in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	11	6,706
Total disposed of, . . .	—	12,548
Number to be disposed of, .	—	939
Total, . . .	—	13,487

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of Aug., 1907,	7,374
Do. do. in month of Sept., 1907,	—
Total,	7,374

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of Aug., 1907,	155
Do. do. in month of Sept., 1907,	—
Total,	155

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Aug., 1907,	402	
Applications received to end of Aug., 1907,	723		,, in month of Sept., 1907,	—	402
Applications received in month Sept., 1907,	2	725	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Aug., 1907,	50	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Aug., 1907,	3		Transferred in month of Sept., 1907,	—	50
Applications received in month of Sept., 1907,	—	3	Total number disposed of,	—	452
			Number to be disposed of,	—	276
Total,	—	728	Total,	—	728

* The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void,	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out,	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised,	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court,	—
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

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IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887"—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Aug., 1907, ...	24	Applications granted to end of Aug., 1907, . .	7	
" in month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	" in month of Sept., 1907, . .	—	7
		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Aug., 1907, . . .	4	
		" in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of Aug., 1907, .	1	
		" in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Aug., 1907,	3	
		" in month of Sept., 1907, . . .	—	3
		Total number disposed of, .	—	15
		Number to be disposed of, .	—	9
Total,	24	Total, .	—	24

Irish Land Commission,

21*st October*, 1907.

JOHN H. FRANKS.

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of October, 1907; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts;" and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	214,431	
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	282	
		214,713
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Sept., 1907, .	11,764	
Do. in month of Oct., 1907, .	21	
		11,785
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Sept., 1907, ...	80,859	
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	8	
		80,867
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to end of Sept., 1907, .	1,578	
Do. received in Oct., 1907, .	1	
		1,579
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	1,538	
Do. in month of Oct., 1907, .	1	
		1,537
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Sept., 1907, .	892	
Do. in month of Oct., 1907, .	6	
		698
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Sept., 1907, ...	51	
Do. in month of Oct., 1907, .	—	
		51
Total, .	—	261,230

Rents fixed—		
By Chief Commission to end of Sept., 1907, . .	8,615	
„ in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	3	
		8,618
By Sub-Commission to end of Sept., 1907, . .	182,368	
„ in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	189	
		182,502
Dismissed—		
To end of Sept., 1907, . .	10,389	
In month of Oct., 1907, .	6	
		10,395
Struck out—		
To end of Sept., 1907, .	40,173	
In month of Oct., 1907, .	81	
		40,254
Withdrawn†—		
To end of Sept., 1907, .	16,027	
In month of Oct., 1907, .	9	
		16,036
Total Number disposed of, .	—	257,805
Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,425
Total, .	—	261,230

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (vii.), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Sept., 1907,	90,904		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907,	494	91,398	By Chief Commission to end of Sept., 1907,	8,056	
			" in month of Oct., 1907,	—	8,056
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Sept., 1907,	6,706		By Sub-Commission to end of Sept., 1907,	72,493	
Do. in month of Oct., 1907,	20	6,726	" in month of Oct., 1907,	290	72,783
			Dismissed—		
			To end of Sept., 1907,	1,208	
			In month of Oct., 1907,	3	1,211
			Struck out—		
			To end of Sept., 1907,	14,439	
			In month of Oct., 1907,	142	14,581
			Withdrawn *—		
			To end of Sept., 1907,	2,629	
			In month of Oct., 1907,	6	2,635
			Total Number disposed of,	—	94,266
			Number to be disposed of,	—	3,858
Total,	—	98,124	Total,	—	98,124

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties

(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of Sept., 1907,	148,330
Do. do. in month of Oct., 1907,	432
Total,	148,762

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of Sept., 1907,	48,211
Do. do. in month of Oct., 1907,	129
Total,	48,340

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES. †

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Sept., 1907,	3,255
Applications received to end of Sept., 1907,	2,429		" in month of Oct., 1907,	9
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907,	2	2,431		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Sept., 1907,	50			
Do. in month of Oct., 1907,	—	50		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Sept., 1907,	1,073			
Applications in month of Oct., 1907,	—	1,073	Total Number disposed of	3,264
			Number to be disposed of	290
Total	—	3,554	Total	3,554

†The first notice of application to the Court seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void . . .	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out . .	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	3
Total, .	55	Total disposed of, . . .	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Sept., 1907,	23		Applications granted to end of Sept., 1907, . .	10	
" in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	23	" in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	10
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Sept., 1907, .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	12	
" in month of Oct., 1907, . .	—	3	" in month of Oct., 1907, . .	—	12
			Applications withdrawn to end of Sept., 1907, . .	4	
			" in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	4
			Total Number disposed of,	—	26
			Number to be disposed of,	—	—
Total, .	—	26	Total .	—	26

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts.

Applications received to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	5,801		Rents fixed to end of Sept., 1907,	5,307	
" in Oct., 1907, . .	—		" in Oct., 1907, .	—	5,307
			Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of Sept., 1907,	410	
			" in Oct., 1907, .	—	410
			Total Number disposed of,	—	5,717
			Number to be disposed of,	—	84
Total, .	5,801		Total.	—	5,801

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of Sept., 1907, . .	56,535	Number heard to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	30,265	
„ in month of Oct., 1907, . .	125	„ in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	25	30,290
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Sept., 1907, .	24,324	
		„ in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	27	24,351
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	54,641
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	2,019
Total . . .	56,660	Total, .	—	56,660

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of Sept., 1907, .	38,075	Number heard to end of Sept., 1907, . .	21,242	
„ in month of Oct., 1907, . .	23	„ in month of Oct., 1907, .	159	21,401
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Sept., 1907, .	12,821	
		„ in month of Oct., 1907, . .	68	12,889
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	34,290
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	3,808
Total . . .	38,098	Total, .	—	38,098

VII.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to end of Sept., 1907, ...	1,760	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of Sept., 1907, ...	181	
„ in Oct., 1907, ...	6	Number received in Oct., 1907, . .	—	181
		Number of cases in which *no* consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents * to end of Sept., 1907, .	1,578	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	1	1,579
				1,760
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired, ...	—	6
Total . . .	1,766	Total	—	1,766

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (*a*), page 3.

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VIII.—Proceedings Under the Land Purchase Acts.

(a) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

—	Number.	Amount
		£
Loans applied for	29,179	11,452,088
Deduct Applications refused, . .	8,812	1,459,530
	25,367	9,992,538
Loans sanctioned	25,367	9,992,536
Loans issued	25,367	9,992,536

(b)—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
(a) Loans Applied for.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903	43,862	12,536,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of Oct., 1907, in respect of applications lodged to end of Sept., 1907, ...	—	—	43,862	12,536,799
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:—				
Loans applied for	2,835	749,767	2,835	749,767
			51,362	14,491,009
Applications Refused:—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants refused to end of Oct., 1907, ...	3,352	1,013,982		
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885, .	1,077	302,244	4,429	1,316,206
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1907, less applications refused, . .			46,933	13,174,803

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(b)—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896—*continued.*

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.		£		£
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Sept., 1907,	40,465	11,510,674		
" in the month of Oct., 1907,	—	—		
	40,465	11,510,674		
Orders rescinded in month of Oct., 1907, of those made to end of Sept., 1907,	—	—	40,465	11,510,674
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans sanctioned.	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans sanctioned,	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans sanctioned,	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1907, ...			48,888	13,162,640
(c) Loans Issued.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans issued to end of Sept., 1907,	40,357	11,483,548		
" in the month of Oct., 1907,	17	906	40,374	11,484,454
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans issued,	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans issued,	97	98,394	37	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans issued,	1,758	447,623	1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Oct., 1907,			48,797	13,136,420
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board Act, 1899.	58	502,797		
Total,	—	—	58	502,797

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number	Amount	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Applied for.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans applied for to end of Sept., 1907, . .	3,743	497,316		
" " in the month of Oct., 1907, .	57	8,786		
	3,800	506,102		
Less number withdrawn in month of Oct., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Sept., 1907, .	9	1,063	3,791	505,039
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans applied for to end of Sept., 1907, . .	2,510	598,515		
" " in the month of Oct., 1907, .	2	414		
	2,512	598,929		
Less number withdrawn, owing to consolidation of cases, in month of Oct., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	4	—	2,508	598,929
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for to end of Sept., 1907, . .	502	153,130		
" " in the month of Oct., 1907, .	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for to end of Sept., 1907, .	4	3,906		
" " in month of Oct., 1907, .	1	310	5	4,216
			8,806	1,261,314
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of Oct., 1907, ...			65	31,227
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1907, less applications refused			6,741	1,280,087
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Sept., 1907, . .	3,337	446,662		
" " in the month of Oct, 1907, .	165	19,686		
	3,502	466,348		
Orders rescinded in month of Oct., 1907, of those made to end of Sept., 1907, ...	2	83	3,500	466,265
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Sept., 1907, . .	2,221	518,316		
" " in the month of Oct., 1907, .	35	5,368		
	2,256	523,684		
Orders rescinded in month of Oct., 1907, of those made to end of Sept., 1907, ...	—	—	2,256	523,684
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Sept., 1907, .	502	153,130		
" " in the month of Oct., 1907, .	—	—	502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Sept., 1907, .	3	3,506		
" " in the month of Oct., 1907, .	1	400	4	3,906
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1907, .			6,282	1,146,985

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903—*continued.*

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1.) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number	Amount.
Loans Issued.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of Sept., 1907, . .	3,109	410,460		
,, ,, in the month of Oct., 1907, .	15	1,529		
			3,124	411,989*
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of Sept., 1907, . .	1,948	474,910		
,, ,, in the month of Oct., 1907, .	9	1,208		
			1,957	476,118
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of Sept., 1907, . .	502	153,130		
,, ,, in the month of Oct., 1907, .	—	—		
			502	153,130
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of Sept., 1907, . .	2	3,000		
,, ,, in the month of Oct., 1907, .	—	—		
			2	3,000
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Oct., 1907, . .			5,585	1,044,237
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the Congested Districts Board for the Purchase of Estates under Section 77 of the Irish Land Act, 1903:—				
Amount to end of Sept., 1907, . .	15	91,259		
During the month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	—		
Amount to end of Oct., 1907, . .	15	91,259		
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—				
Amount to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	6	4,633		
Total, . . .	—	—	21	95,892

* These figures include 220 Loans for £56,857 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (8), page 12.

(2.) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.

Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION	During period ended 30th September, 1907.			During month of October, 1907.			During period ended 31st October, 1907		
	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
I. Direct Sales.			£			£			£
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,625	32,358	14,491,558	44	713	266,178	1,669	33,071	14,757,736
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned, ...	1,755	33,505	15,031,330	44	1,086	322,473	1,799	34,591	15,353,803
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for,*	5,216	130,350	47,598,006	117	3,338	952,280	5,333	133,688	48,550,286
II. Sections 6 and 8.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made	103	5,358	1,912,718	—	—	—	103	5,358	1,912,718

* The totals for the period ended 31st October, 1907, include 761 applications and advances, amounting to £329,561, which have been refused by the Commissioners.

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(2). Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.—*continued.*

Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION	During period ended 30th September, 1907			During month of October, 1907.			During period ended 31st October, 1907		
	No. of Estates	No of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
II. Sections 6 and 8.—*con.*									
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners, ...	141	6,162	£ 2,168,480	5	35	£ 23,206	146	6,197	£ 2,191,686
3. Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, and for which "Requests" have been lodged (estimate)*	316	14,473	4,175,876	7	204	58,444	323	14,677	4,234,320
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	76	3,019	910,349	2	26	9582	78	3,045	919,931
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge,	77	3,032	918,742	1	13	1,189	78	3,045	919,931
3. Estates for which the necessary documents have been lodged (estimate)*	133	5,662	1,584,832†	—	—	—	133	5,662	1,584,832
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission, ...	66	5,921	1,024,780	—	—	—	66	5,921	1,024,780
2. Estates for which Agreements to Purchase have been prepared, ...	80	6,249	1,092,570	—	—	—	80	6,249	1,092,370
3. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission, (estimate)	92	7,083	1,193,344	—	—	—	92	7,083	1,193,344
V. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	1,870	46,656	18,339,405	46	739	275,760	1,916	47,395	18,615,165
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned (including Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made and accepted under Sections 6 and 8; and Section 7; and Estates for which Agreements have been prepared under Sections 72 and 79),	2,053	48,948	19,210,922	50	1134	346,868	2,103	50,082	19,557,790
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, (estimate)*	5,762	157,568	54,552,058	124	3,542	1,010,724	5,886	161,110	55,562,782

* Estimate to 30th September, 1907, revised. † During the month the Commissioners decided not to make any offer for the purchase of an Estate included in previous returns; particulars of this Estate have been deducted from the totals to 30th September, 1907.

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(3). Re-sales under Irish Land Act, 1903

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 28 (1 and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. *(Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392).*

Classification.	During period ended 30th September, 1907		During month of October, 1907.		During period ended 31st October, 1907	
	No of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.	No of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.
		£		£		£
Re-sales by Land Commission :— Sections 6 and 8, ...	3,502	1,332,141	207	82,604	3,709	1,414,745
Section 7, ...	1,503	542,415	83	33,051	1,586	575,466
Congested Districts Board Re-sales ...	223	69,621	—	—	223	69,621
Total, ...	5,228	1,944,177	290	115,655	5,518	2,059,832

Notes.—(1) The Amount of Cash Payments made by purchasers on re-sale and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rule 25 (2) was £4,715.

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1), page 10.

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent from the Reserve Fund in Improvements, the Amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Section 43.

(4). Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16.) Advances made to Rural District Councils.

Amount to end of September, 1907, ...	£127,595
During the month of October, 1907, ...	14,530
Amount to the end of October, 1907, ...	£142,125

(5). Summary showing Total Advances made out of the Irish Land Purchase Fund to 31st October, 1907.

	£
IRISH LAND COMMISSION.	
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant .	355,132*
Do. Land Judges Court, ...	476,118*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896	153,130*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891	3,000
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 77, Irish Land Act, 1903, &c. . .	95,892
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS	
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants, ...	14,757,736
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8) Irish Land Act, 1903 . .	1,912,718
Do. do. (Sec. 7) do.	919,931
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 79 do	1,024,780
Total	19,698,437
Advances for repayment to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund, Sec. 43 (3) Irish Land Act, 1903	2,082
Total	19,700,519
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)	142,125
Gross Total	£19,842,644

* These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been retained in these cases.

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CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st October, 1907.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	35,510	
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	59	35,569
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of Sept., 1907, .	4,526	
Applications received in month of Oct. 1907, ...	3	4,529
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of Sept., 1907, .	2,705	
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	2	2,707
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Sept., 1907, .	174	
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	174
Total,	—	42,979

Rents fixed to end of Sept., 1907,	19,983	
" in month of Oct., 1907,	11	19,994
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	4,477	
" in month of Oct., 1907,	8	4,485
Applications withdrawn* to end of Sept., 1907, . .	570	
" in month of Oct., 1907,	—	570
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Sept., 1907, . .	13,300	
" in month of Oct., 1907,	22	13,322
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of Sept., 1907, ...	51	
" in month of Oct., 1907,	—	51
Total disposed of, . .	—	38,422
Number to be disposed of, .	—	4,557
Total, . . .	—	42,979

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Sept., 1907, ...	13,487	
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, ...	28	
Total, ...	13,515	

Rents fixed to end of Sept., 1907,	5,193	
" in month of Oct., 1907,	9	5,202
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	506	
" in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	2	508
Applications withdrawn* to end of Sept., 1907, .	143	
" in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	143
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	6,706	
" in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	20	6,726
Total disposed of, . . .	—	12,579
Number to be disposed of, .	—	936
Total, . . .	—	13,515

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of Sept., 1907, . .	7,374
Do. do. in month of Oct., 1907, . .	—
Total, ...	7,374

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of Sept., 1907, ...	155
Do. do. in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—
Total, ...	155

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Sept., 1907, .	402	
Applications received to end of Sept., 1907, .	725		,, in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	1	403
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	725	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Sept., 1907, ...	50	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Sept., 1907, . .	3		Transferred in month of Oct., 1907, ...	—	50
Applications received in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	3	Total number disposed of, . .	—	453
			Number to be disposed of, . .	—	275
Total, .	—	728	Total, . .	—	728

* The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void, . .	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out, .	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised,	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, . . .	—
Total, .	6	Total disposed of,	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888

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IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887"—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Sept., 1907, ...	24	Applications granted to end of Sept., 1907, .	7	
,, in month of Oct., 1907, . .	—	,, in month of Oct. 1907, . .	—	7
		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Sept., 1907, . . .	4	
		,, in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of Sept., 1907, .	1	
		,, in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Sept., 1907,	3	
		,, in month of Oct., 1907, . . .	—	3
		Total number disposed of, .	—	15
		Number to be disposed of, .	—	9
Total,	24	Total, .	—	24

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,

12*th November*, 1907

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS," "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS,"
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DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 30th day of November, 1907; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts,"; and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Oct., 1907, . .	214,713		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	92	214,805	By Chief Commission to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	8,618	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Oct., 1907, .	11,785		" in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	3	8,621
Do. in month of Nov., 1907,	—	11,785			
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Oct., 1907.	30,867		By Sub-Commission to end of Oct., 1907, . .	182,502	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	1	30,868	" in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	166	182,668
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to end of Oct., 1907, .	1,579		Dismissed—		
Do. received in Nov., 1907, .	—	1,579	To end of Oct., 1907, . .	10,395	
			In month of Nov., 1907, . .	9	10,404
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	1,537				
Do. in month of Nov., 1907, .	—	1,537	Struck out—		
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Oct., 1907, . .	698		To end of Oct., 1907, . .	40,254	
Do. in month of Nov., 1907, .	2	700	In month of Nov., 1907, . .	125	40,379
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Oct., 1907, . .	51		Withdrawn†—		
Do. in month of Nov., 1907, .	—	51	To end of Oct., 1907, . .	16,036	
			In month of Nov., 1907, . .	3	16,039
			Total Number disposed of, .	—	258,111
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,214
Total, .	—	261,325	Total .	—	261,325

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (vii.), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a Rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1907, ...	91,398		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, ...	122	91,520	By Chief Commission to end of Oct., 1907, .	3,056	
			,, in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	2	3,058
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Oct., 1907, . .	6,726		By Sub-Commission to end of Oct., 1907, .	72,783	
Do. in month of Nov., 1907,	—	6,726	,, in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	316	73,099
			Dismissed—		
			To end of Oct., 1907, . .	1,211	
			In month of Nov., 1907, . .	1	1,212
			Struck out—		
			To end of Oct., 1907, . .	14,581	
			In month of Nov., 1907, . .	64	14,645
			Withdrawn*—		
			To end of Oct, 1907, . .	2,635	
			In month of Nov., 1907, . .	—	2,635
			Total Number disposed of, .	—	94,649
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,597
Total, .	—	98,246	Total, .	—	98,246

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties

(b) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of Oct., 1907, ...	148,762
Do., do. in month of Nov., 1907, ...	457
Total, ...	149,219

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1907, ...	48,340
Do., do. in month of Nov., 1907, ...	96
Total, ...	48,436

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices. †

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Oct., 1907,	3,264
Applications received to end of Oct., 1907, ...	2,431		,, in month of Nov., 1907,	3
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, ...	8	2,439		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Oct., 1907,	50			
Do. in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	50		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Oct., 1907. .	1,073			
Applications in month of Nov., 1907, . .	—	1,073	Total Number disposed of, . .	3,267
			Number to be disposed of, . .	295
Total, .	—	3,562	Total .	3,562

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy fair rent, avoidance of leases or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888*	55	Leases or Grants declared void	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Oct., 1907,	23		Applications granted to end of Oct., 1907,	10	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	23	„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	10
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Oct., 1907,	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1907,	12	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	3	„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	12
			Applications withdrawn to end of Oct., 1907,	4	
			„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	4
			Total number disposed of,	—	26
			Number to be disposed of,	—	—
Total,	—	26	Total,	—	26

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts.

Applications received to end of Oct., 1907,	5,801		Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1907,	5,307	
„ in Nov., 1907,	—		„ in Nov., 1907,	4	5,311
			Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of Oct., 1907,	410	
			„ in Nov., 1907,	—	410
			Total number disposed of,	—	5,721
			Number to be disposed of,	—	80
Total,	5,801		Total,	—	5,801

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	56,660	Number heard to end of Oct., 1907, . .	30,290	
„ in month of Nov., 1907, .	14	„ in month of Nov., 1907, . .	86	
				30,376
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Oct., 1907, .	24,351	
		„ in month of Nov., 1907, . .	22	
				24,373
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	54,749
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	1,925
Total, . .	56,674	Total, . .	—	56,674

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1907,	38,098	Number heard to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	21,401	
„ in month of Nov., 1907, .	32	„ in month of Nov., 1907, . .	141	
				21,542
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Oct., 1907, . .	12,889	
		„ in month of Nov., 1907, . .	52	
				12,941
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	34,483
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	3,647
Total, .	38,130	Total, . . .	—	38,130

VII.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to end of Oct., 1907, . .	1,766	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of Oct., 1907, .	181	
„ in Nov., 1907, .	1	Number received in Nov., 1907, . .	—	
				181
		Number of cases in which *no* consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents* to end of Oct., 1907, . .	1,579	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of Nov., 1907, . .	—	
				1,579
				1,760
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired,	—	7
Total,	1,767	Total, . . .	—	1,767

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (*a*), page 3.

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VIII.—Proceedings under the Land Purchase Acts.

(a) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities Payable by Tenant Purchasers.

—	Number	Amount
		£
Loans applied for,	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused	3,812	1,459,530
	25,367	9,992,536
Loans sanctioned,	25,367	9,992,536
Loans issued,	25,367	9,992,536

(b) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

—	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
		£		£
(a) Loans Applied for.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96 :—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903,	43,862	12,536,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of Nov., 1907, in respect of applications lodged to end of Oct., 1907,	—	—	43,862	12,536,799
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896 :—				
Loans applied for,	4,588	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891 :—				
Loans applied for,	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885 :—				
Loans applied for,	2,835	749,767	2,835	749,767
			51,362	14,491,009
Applications Refused :—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants Refused to end of Nov., 1907,	3,388	1,020,873		
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885,	1,077	302,244	4,465	1,323,117
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1907, less applications refused,			48,897	13,167,892

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(b) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896—*continued.*

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

——	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.		£		£
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96 :—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1907, . .	40,465	11,510,674		
,, in the month of Nov., 1907, .	—	—		
	40,465	11,510,674		
Orders rescinded in month of Nov., 1907, of those made to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	31	8,821	40,484	11,501,853
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896 :— Loans sanctioned, ...	4,568	1,108,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891 :— Loans sanctioned, ...	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885 :— Loans sanctioned, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1907, . .			46,857	13,153,819
(c) Loans Issued.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96 :—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1907. . .	40,374	11,484,454		
,, in the month of Nov., 1907, .	—	—	40,374	11,484,454
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896 :— Loans issued, ...	4,568	1,106,049	4,588	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891 :— Loans issued, ...	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885 :— Loans issued, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Nov., 1907, . . .			46,797	13,136,420
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board Act, 1899.	58	502,797		
Total, .	—	—	58	502,797

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Applied for.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1907, . .	3,791	505,039		
" " in the month of Nov., 1907, .	15	4,478		
	3,806	509,517		
Less number withdrawn in month of Nov., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Oct., 1907, .	3	581	3,803	508,936
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1907, . .	2,508	598,929		
" " in the month of Nov., 1907, .	57	8,399		
	2,565	607,328		
Less number withdrawn, in month of Nov., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Oct., 1907, ...	5	2,498	2,560	604,830
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1907, . .	502	153,130		
" " in the month of Nov., 1907, .	8	1,775	510	154,905
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1907, .	5	4,216		
" " in month of Nov., 1907, .	—	—	5	4,216
			6,878	1,272,887
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of Nov., 1907, ...			46	28,853
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1907, less applications refused			6,832	1,244,034
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1907, . .	3,500	466,265		
" " in the month of Nov., 1907, .	10	1,254		
	3,510	467,519		
Orders rescinded in month of Nov., 1907, of those made to end of Oct., 1907, ...	—	—	3,510	467,519
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1907, . .	2,256	523,684		
" " in the month of Nov., 1907, .	35	6,968		
	2,291	530,652		
Orders rescinded in month of Nov., 1907, of those made to end of Oct., 1907, ...	—	—	2,291	530,652
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1907, . .	502	153,130		
" " in the month of Nov., 1907, .	8	1,775	510	154,905
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1907, .	4	3,906		
" " in the month of Nov., 1907, .	1	310	5	4,216
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1907, .			6,316	1,157,292

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903—*continued.*

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1.) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number	Amount
Loans Issued.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1907, . .	3,124	411,989		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1907, .	97	12,377		
			3,221	424,366*
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1907, . .	1,957	476,118		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1907, .	75	15,265		
			2,032	491,383
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1907, . .	502	153,130		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1907, .	8	1,775		
			510	154,905
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1907, . .	2	3,000		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1907, .	—	—		
			2	3,000
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Nov., 1907, . .			5,785	1,073,654
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the Congested Districts Board for the Purchase of Estates under Section 77 of the Irish Land Act, 1903:—				
Amount to end of Oct., 1907, . .	15	91,259		
During the month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	—		
Amount to end of Nov., 1907, . .	15	91,259		
Advances made to the Irish Land Commission for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—				
Amount to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	6	4,633		
Total, . . .	—	—	21	95,892

* These figures include 237 Loans for £60,093 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (3), page 12.

(2.) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.
Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st October, 1907.			During month of November, 1907.			During period ended 30th November, 1907		
	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
I. Direct Sales.			£			£			£
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,669	38,071	14,757,738	54	753	300,249	1,723	33,824	15,057,985
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned, ...	1,799	34,591	15,353,803	55	775	267,358	1,854	35,366	15,621,161
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for,*	5,333	138,688	48,550,286	35	1,139	365,312	5,368	184,827	48,915,598
II. Sections 6 and 8.									
4. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made	103	5,358	1,912,718	4	39	12,093	107	5,397	1,924,811

* The totals for the period ended 30th November, 1907, include 773 applications and advances amounting to £353,214, which have been refused by the Commissioners.

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(2). Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.—*continued.*

Sales of Estates—Sections 1 to 23, Irish Land Act, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st October, 1907.			During month of Nov., 1907.			During period ended 30th November, 1907.		
	No. of Estates	No of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
II. Sections 6 and 8.—*con.*									
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners, ...	146	6,197	£ 2,191,686	3	27	£ 13,414	149	6,224	£ 2,205,100
3. Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, and for which "Requests" have been lodged (estimate)*	323	14,685	4,234,952	9	75	40,653	332	14,760	4,275,605
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	78	3,045	919,931	—	—	—	78	3,045	919,931
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge,	78	3,045	919,931	—	—	—	78	3,045	919,931
3. Estates for which the necessary documents have been lodged (estimate)*	137	5,617	1,575,976†	3	77	11,828	140	5,694	1,587,804
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission, ...	66	5,921	1,024,780	—	—	—	66	5,921	1,024,780
2. Estates for which Agreements to Purchase have been prepared, ...	80	6,249	1,092,370	1	20	500	81	6,269	1,092,870
3. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission, (estimate)	92	7,083	1,193,344	6	398	36,268	98	7,481	1,229,612
V. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	1,916	47,395	18,615,165	58	792	312,342	1,974	48,187	18,927,507
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been sanctioned (including Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made and accepted under Sections 6 and 8; and Section 7; and Estates for which Agreements have been prepared under Sections 72 and 79),	2,103	50,082	19,557,790	59	822	281,272	2,162	50,904	19,839,062
3. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates into the circumstances of which the Commissioners have directed inquiries to be made, (estimate)*	5,885	161,073	55,554,558	53	1,689	454,061	5,938	162,762	56,008,619

* Estimate to 31st October, 1907, revised. † During the month the Commissioners decided not to make any offer for the purchase of an Estate included in previous returns; particulars of this Estate have been deducted from the totals to 31st October, 1907.

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(3). Re-sales under Irish Land Act, 1903.

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 25 (1) and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. *(Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392).*

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st October, 1907.		During month of November, 1907.		During period ended 30th November, 1907.	
	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
		£		£		£
Re-sales by Land Commission :— Sections 6 and 8, ...	3,709	1,414,745	29	13,061	3,738	1,427,806
Section 7, ...	1,586	575,466	32	12,628	1,618	588,094
Congested Districts Board Re-sales ...	223	69,621	17	3,236	240	72,857
Total, ...	5,518	2,059,832	78	28,925	5,596	2,088,757

Notes:—(1) The Amount of Cash Payments made by purchasers on re-sale and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rule 25 (2) was £4,715

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1), page 10.

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent from the Reserve Fund in improvements, the Amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Section 43

(4). Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16.) Advances made to Rural District Councils.

Amount to end of October, 1907, ...	£142,125
During the month of November, 1907, ...	16,500
Amount to the end of November, 1907, ...	£158,625

(5). Summary showing Total Advances made out of the Irish Land Purchase Fund to 30th November, 1907.

	£
IRISH LAND COMMISSION.	
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant	364,278*
Do. Land Judges Court, ...	491,383*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896	154,905*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891	3,000
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 77, Irish Land Act, 1903, &c. . .	95,892
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS.	
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants, . . .	15,057,985
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8) Irish Land Act, 1903 . .	1,924,811
Do. do. (Sec. 7) do. . .	919,931
Congested Districts Board, Sec. 79 do. . . .	1,024,780
Total	20,036,960
Advances for repayment to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund, Sec. 43 (3) Irish Land Act, 1903	2,332
Total	20,039,292
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)	158,625
Gross Total	£20,197,917

* These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been retained in these cases.

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CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th November, 1907.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Oct., 1907, ...	35,569	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, ...	12	35,581
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1907, .	4,529	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, ...	1	4,530
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of Oct., 1907, .	2,707	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, ...	—	2,707
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Oct., 1907, .	174	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, ...	—	174
Total, .	—	42,992

Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1907,	19,994	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	19	20,013
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1907, ...	4,485	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	4	4,489
Applications withdrawn* to end of Oct., 1907, . .	570	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	570
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Oct., 1907, . .	13,322	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	13,322
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of Oct., 1907, ...	51	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	—	51
Total disposed of, . .	—	38,445
Number to be disposed of, .	—	4,547
Total, . . .	—	42,992

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1907, ...	13,515	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, ...	39	
Total, . . .	13,554	

Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1907,	5,202	
„ in month of Nov., 1907,	29	5,231
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	508	
„ in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	2	510
Applications withdrawn* to end of Oct., 1907, .	143	
„ in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	143
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	6,726	
„ in month of Nov. 1907, . . .	—	6,726
Total disposed of, . . .	—	12,610
Number to be disposed of, .	—	944
Total, . . .	—	13,554

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of Oct., 1907, . .	7,374
Do. do. in month of Nov., 1907, . .	1
Total, ...	7,375

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of Oct., 1907, ...	155
Do. do. in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—
Total, ...	155

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Oct., 1907, . .	403	
Applications received to end of Oct., 1907, . . .	725		,, in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	403
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	8	728	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Oct., 1907, ...	50	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Oct., 1907, . .	3		Transferred in month of Nov., 1907, ...	—	50
Applications received in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	8	Total number disposed of, . .	—	453
			Number to be disposed of, . .	—	278
Total, .	—	731	Total, . .	—	731

* The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void, . .	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out, .	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised,	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, . . .	—
Total, .	6	Total disposed of,	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888

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IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887"—Form 33.

Number of Applications received to end of Oct., 1907, ...	24	Applications granted to end of Oct., 1907, .	7	
„ in month of Nov., 1907, . .	—	„ in month of Nov., 1907, . .	—	7
		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1907, . .	4	
		„ in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of Oct., 1907, .	1	
		„ in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Oct., 1907,	3	
		„ in month of Nov., 1907, . . .	—	3
		Total number disposed of, .	—	15
		Number to be disposed of, .	—	9
Total,	24	Total, .	—	24

Irish Land Commission,

12*th December*, 1907.

JOHN H. FRANKS.

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

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DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of December, 1907; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts;" and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Nov., 1907, ...	214,805	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, ...	92	
		214,897
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Nov., 1907, .	11,785	
Do. in month of Dec., 1907, .	7	
		11,792
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Nov., 1907, ...	30,868	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, ...	5	
		30,873
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to end of Nov., 1907, .	1,579	
Do. received in Dec., 1907, .	2	
		1,581
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Nov., 1907, ...	1,537	
Do. in month of Dec., 1907, .	1	
		1,538
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Nov., 1907, .	700	
Do. in month of Dec., 1907, .	—	
		700
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Nov., 1907, ...	51	
Do. in month of Dec 1907, .	—	
		51
Total, .	—	261,432

Rents fixed—		
By Chief Commission to end of Nov., 1907, . .	8,621	
" in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	14	
		8,635
By Sub-Commission to end of Nov., 1907, . .	182,668	
" in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	178	
		182,846
Dismissed—		
To end of Nov., 1907, . .	10,404	
In month of Dec., 1907, .	7	
		10,411
Struck out—		
To end of Nov., 1907, .	40,379	
In month of Dec., 1907, .	51	
		40,430
Withdrawn†—		
To end of Nov., 1907, .	16,089	
In month of Dec., 1907, .	6	
		16,045
Total Number disposed of, .	—	258,367
Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,065
Total.	—	261,432

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (vii.), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1907.	91,520		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	78	91,598	By Chief Commission to end of Nov., 1907, . .	3,058	
			" in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	2	3,060
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Nov., 1907, . .	6,726		By Sub-Commission to end of Nov., 1907, .	73,099	
Do. in month of Dec., 1907, .	16	6,742	" in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	317	73,416
			Dismissed—		
			To end of Nov., 1907, . .	1,212	
			In month of Dec., 1907, . .	5	1,217
			Struck out—		
			To end of Nov., 1907, . .	14,645	
			In month of Dec., 1907, . .	92	14,737
			Withdrawn *—		
			To end of Nov., 1907, . .	2,635	
			In month of Dec., 1907, . .	8	2,643
			Total Number disposed of, .	—	95,073
			Number to be disposed of, .	—	3,267
Total, .	—	98,340	Total, .	—	98,340

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	149,219
Do. do. in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	138
Total, ...	149,357

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1907, ...	48,436
Do. do. in month of Dec., 1907, ...	67
Total, ...	48,503

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices. †

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Nov., 1907,	3,267
Applications received to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	2,439		" in month of Dec., 1907,	2
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907. . . .	8	2,447		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Nov., 1907,	50			
Do. in month of Dec., 1907, . .	1	51		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Nov., 1907, . .	1,073			
Applications in month of Dec., 1907, . .	—	1,073	Total Number disposed of .	3,269
			Number to be disposed of .	302
Total. .	—	3,571	Total .	3,571

†The first notice of application to the Court seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, evoidance of leases, or any other question which the court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 30.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void . . .	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out . .	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	3
Total, .	55	Total disposed of, . . .	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Nov., 1907,	23		Applications granted to end of Nov., 1907, . .	10	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	—	23	„ in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	—	10
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Nov., 1907, .	8		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	12	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	—	3	„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	—	12
			Applications withdrawn to end of Nov., 1907, . .	4	
			„ in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	—	4
			Total Number disposed of,	—	26
			Number to be disposed of,	—	—
Total, .	—	26	Total .	—	26

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts.

Applications received to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	5,801	Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1907,	5,311	
„ in Dec., 1907, . .	—	„ in Dec., 1907, .	—	5,311
		Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of Nov., 1907,	410	
		„ in Dec., 1907, .	—	410
		Total Number disposed of,	—	5,721
		Number to be disposed of,	—	80
Total, .	5,801	Total. .	—	5,801

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of Nov., 1907, . .	56,674	Number heard to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	30,376	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	49	„ in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	93	
				30,469
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Nov., 1907, .	24,373	
		„ in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	36	
				24,409
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	54,878
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	1,645
Total . . .	56,723	Total, . . .	—	56,723

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1907, .	36,130	Number heard to end of Nov., 1907, . .	21,542	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	81	„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	242	
				21,784
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Nov., 1907, .	12,941	
		„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	99	
				13,040
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	34,824
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	3,387
Total . . .	38,211	Total, .	—	38,211

VII.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to end of Nov., 1907, ...	1,767	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of Nov., 1907, ...	181	
„ in Dec., 1907, ...	1	Number received in Dec., 1907, . .	—	161
		Number of cases in which *no* consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents * to end of Nov., 1907, .	1,579	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	2	
				1,561
				1,762
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired, ...	—	6
Total . . .	1,768	Total . . .	—	1,766

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (*a*), page 3.

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VIII.—Proceedings Under the Land Purchase Acts.

(a) Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

——	Number	Amount
		£
Loans applied for	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused, . .	3,812	1,459,530
	25,367	9,992,536
Loans sanctioned	25,367	9,992,536
Loans issued	25,367	9,992,536

(b)—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
(a) Loans Applied for.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903	43,862	12,536,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of Dec., 1907, in respect of applications lodged to end of Nov., 1907, ...	—	—	43,862	12,536,799
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:—				
Loans applied for	2,835	749,767	2,835	749,767
			51,362	14,491,009
Applications Refused:—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants refused to end of Dec., 1907.	3,388	1,020,873		
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885, .	1,077	302,244	4,465	1,323,117
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Dec., 1907, less applications refused, . .			46,897	13,167,892

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(b)—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891-1896—*continued.*

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.		£		£
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1907, . .	40,434	11,501,853		
" in the month of Dec., 1907, .	—	—		
	40,434	11,501,853		
Orders rescinded in month of Dec., 1907, of those made to end of Nov., 1907, ...	—	—	40,434	11,501,853
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans sanctioned.	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans sanctioned, ...	97	98,894	97	98,894
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans sanctioned, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Dec., 1907, ...			46,857	13,153,819
(c) Loans Issued.				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants—Acts, 1891-96:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	40,374	11,484,454		
" in the month of Dec., 1907, .	1	150	40,375	11,484,604
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:— Loans issued, ...	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:— Loans issued, ...	97	98,394	97	98,394
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885:— Loans issued, ...	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Dec., 1907, . .			46,798	13,136,570
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board Act, 1899.	58	502,797		
Total, .	—	—	58	502,797

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(e)—Irish Land Act, 1903.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Applied for.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1907, . .	3,803	508,936		
" " in the month of Dec., 1907, .	26	9,372		
	3,829	518,308		
Less number withdrawn in month of Dec., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Nov., 1907, .	2	195	3,827	518,113
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1907, . .	2,560	604,830		
" " in the month of Dec., 1907, .	42	6,232		
	2,602	611,062		
Less number withdrawn, in month of Dec., 1907, of applications lodged to end of Nov., 1907, ...	6	557	2,596	610,505
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1907, . .	510	154,905		
" " in the month of Dec., 1907, .	—	—	510	154,905
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1907, .	5	4,216		
" " in month of Dec., 1907, .	—	—	5	4,216
			6,938	1,287,739
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of Dec., 1907, ...			46	28,956
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Dec., 1907, less applications refused			6,892	1,258,783
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1907, . .	3,510	467,519		
" " in the month of Dec., 1907, .	57	7,464		
	3,567	474,983		
Orders rescinded in month of Dec., 1907, of those made to end of Nov., 1907, ...	2	244	3,565	474,739
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1907, . .	2,291	530,652		
" " in the month of Dec., 1907, .	5	2,700		
	2,296	533,352		
Orders rescinded in month of Dec., 1907, of those made to end of Nov., 1907, ...	—	—	2,296	533,352
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1907, . .	510	154,905		
" " in the month of Dec., 1907, .	—	—	510	154,905
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1907, .	5	4,216		
" " in the month of Dec., 1907, .	—	—	5	4,216
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Dec., 1907, .			6,376	1,167,212

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903—*continued.*

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1.) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Loans Issued.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1907, . .	8,221	424,366		
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1907, .	74	11,271		
			3,295	435,637*
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1907, . .	2,032	491,383		
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1907, .	18	4,898		
			2,050	496,281
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1907, . .	510	154,905		
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1907, .	—	—		
			510	154,905
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1907, . .	2	3,000		
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1907, .	—	—		
			2	3,000
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Dec., 1907, . .			5,857	1,089,823

* These figures include 269 Loans for £65,525 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (3), page 12.

(1.) (a)—Advances in Cash made for purposes of Section 2 (1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Advances made for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—				
Amount to end of Dec., 1907, . . .	6	4,633		
			6	4,633

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(c)—Irish Land Act, 1903—*continued.*

(2.) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.

Sales of Estates—to Tenants direct, to the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, and Section 7, and to the Congested Districts Board through the medium of the Land Commission under Sections 72 and 79, and Section 77.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 30th November, 1907.			During month of Dec. 1907.			During period ended 31st December, 1907.		
	No. of Estates	No of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers	Amount of Advances.
I. Direct Sales.			£			£			£
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,723	33,824	15,057,985	30	611	246,859	1,753	34,465	15,304,844
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for,* ...	5,368	134,827	48,915,598	74	1,291	552,281	5,442	136,118	49,467,879
II. Sections 6 and 8.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	107	5,397	1,924,811	4	127	13,203	111	5,524	1,938,014
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners,† ...	149	6,224	2,205,100	4	33	11,718	153	6,257	2,216,818
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	78	3,045	919,931	—	—	—	78	3,045	919,931
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge,‡	78	3,045	919,931	—	—	—	78	3,045	919,931
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission, ...	66	5,921	1,024,780	2	10	26,000	68	5,931	1,050,780
2. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission,§	97	7,473	1,206,612	1	8	23,300	98	7,481	1,229,912
IVa. Section 77.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board from the Land Judge by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission, ...	15	685	91,259	—	—	—	15	685	91,259
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Congested Districts Board and accepted by the Land Judge, ...	16	689	92,489	—	—	—	16	689	92,489
V. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79; and Section 77.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	1,989	48,872	19,018,766	36	778	286,062	2,025	49,650	19,304,828
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates which the Estates Commissioners and the Congested Districts Board have agreed to purchase,‖	5,708	152,258	53,339,730	79	1,332	587,299	5,787	153,590	53,927,029

* The totals for the period ended 31st December, 1907, include 833 applications, and advances applied for amounting to £271,100 which have been refused by the Commissioners.

† In addition to the totals for the period ended 31st Dec., 1907, 190 estates of an estimated value amounting to £2,148,028 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Secs. 6 & 8.

‡ " " " " 62 " " " 670,301 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Sec. 7

§ " " " " 128 " " " 1,141,250 were offered for sale to the Congested Districts Board.

‖ " " " " 334 " " " 3,959,672 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Secs. 6 & 8 and Sec. 7 and Congested Districts Board under Secs. 77 & 79.

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(3). Re-sales under Irish Land Act, 1903.

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 25 (1) and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. *(Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392).*

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 30th November, 1907.		During month of December, 1907.		During period ended 31st December, 1907.	
	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
		£		£		£
Re-sales by Land Commission:						
Sections 6 and 8, ...	3,738	1,427,806	25	7,927	3,763	1,435,733
Section 7, ...	1,618	588,094	107	29,391	1,725	617,485
Re-sales by Congested Districts Board:						
Section 72 and 79, ...	175	57,883	53	6,157	228	64,040
Section 77, ...	65	14,974	—	—	65	14,974
Total, ...	5,596	2,088,757	185	43,475	5,781	2,132,232

Notes.—(1) The following Cash payments were made by Purchasers on Re-sale, and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rules 25 (2) & 26 (3):—

	£	s.	d.
On Re-sale under Sections 6 and 8	5,060	0	0
" " " Section 7	350	0	0
" " " Section 79	71	18	9
" " " Section 77	30	13	0
Total	5,512	11	9

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1), page 10

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent in Improvements, the amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund to the Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 43, or to the Congested Districts Board under Section 72 (3).

(4) In the case of 17 Re-sales by the Congested Districts Board part of each purchaser's Holding was comprised in an Estate purchased by the Board under Section 72 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, and part in an Estate purchased under Section 43 of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1896.

(4). Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16.) Advances made to Rural District Councils.

Amount to end of November, 1907, ...	£158,625
During the month of December, 1907, ...	3,935
Amount to the end of December, 1907, ...	£162,560

(5). Summary showing Total Advances made out of the Irish Land Purchase Fund to 31st December, 1907.

	£
IRISH LAND COMMISSION.	
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant	370,112*
Do. Land Judges Court, ...	496,281*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896	154,905*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891	3,000
Congested Districts Board, (Ireland) Act, 1899 (Sec. 2) . . .	4,633
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS.	
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants, ...	15,304,844
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8) Irish Land Act, 1903 . .	1,938,014
Do. do. (Sec. 7) do. . . .	919,931
Congested Districts Board, (Sec. 79) do.	1,050,780
do. do. (Sec. 77) do.	91,259
Total	20,333,759
Advances due to enhanced prices on Resales repaid to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund under Sec. 43 (3), and to the Congested Districts Board under Section 72 (3) of the Irish Land Act, 1903	2,603
Total	20,336,362
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)	162,560
Gross Total	£20,498,922

*These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been retained in these cases.

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CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1907.

Summary of Proceedinge under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commiesion, up to the 31st December, 1907.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Nov., 1907, ...	35,581	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, ...	38	35,619
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1907, .	4,530	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, ...	1	4,531
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of Nov., 1907, .	2,707	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, ...	—	2,707
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Nov., 1907, .	174	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, ...	—	174
Total,	—	43,031

Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1907,	20,013	
„ in month of Dec., 1907,	17	20,030
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1907, ...	4,489	
„ in month of Dec., 1907,	4	4,493
Applications withdrawn* to end of Nov., 1907, . .	570	
„ in month of Dec., 1907,	—	570
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Nov., 1907, . .	13,322	
„ in month of Dec., 1907,	8	13,330
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of Nov., 1907, ...	51	
„ in month of Dec., 1907,	—	51
Total disposed of, . .	—	38,474
Number to be disposed of, .	—	4,557
Total, . . .	—	43,031

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1907, ...	13,554	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, ...	32	
Total, . . .	13,586	

Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1907,	5,231	
„ in month of Dec., 1907,	27	5,258
Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1907, ...	510	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, ...	3	513
Applications withdrawn* to end of Nov., 1907, .	143	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, ...	—	143
Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of Nov., 1907, ...	6,726	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, ...	16	6,742
Total disposed of, . .	—	12,656
Number to be disposed of,	—	930
Total, . . .	—	13,586

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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(b) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of Nov., 1907, . .	7,375
Do. do. in month of Dec., 1907, . .	—
Total, ...	7,375

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of Nov., 1907, ...	155
Do. do. in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	—
Total, ...	155

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to end of Nov., 1907, . .	403	
Applications received to end of Nov., 1907, . . .	728		,, in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	—	403
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	—	728	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Nov., 1907, ...	50	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Nov., 1907, . .	3		Transferred in month of Dec., 1907, ...	1	51
Applications received in month of Dec., 1907, . . .	—	3	Total number disposed of, . .	—	454
			Number to be disposed of, . .	—	277
Total, .	—	731	Total, . .	—	731

* The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void, . .	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out, .	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised,	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, . . .	—
Total, .	6	Total disposed of,	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888

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IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887"—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Nov., 1907, ...	24	Applications granted to end of Nov., 1907, .	7	
„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	—	„ in month of Dec., 1907, . .	—	7
		Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1907, . .	4	
		„ in month of Dec., 1907, ...	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of Nov., 1907, .	1	
		„ in month of Dec., 1907, ...	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Nov., 1907, .	3	
		„ in month of Dec., 1907, ...	—	3
		Total number disposed of, .	—	15
		Number to be disposed of, .	—	9
Total,	24	Total, .	—	24

Irish Land Commission,

2nd March, 1908.

JOHN H. FRANKS.

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